



Me - You can see the 15 x 5 foot water pond shining below th branches
Its my model solution for water ecology..

Store water underground

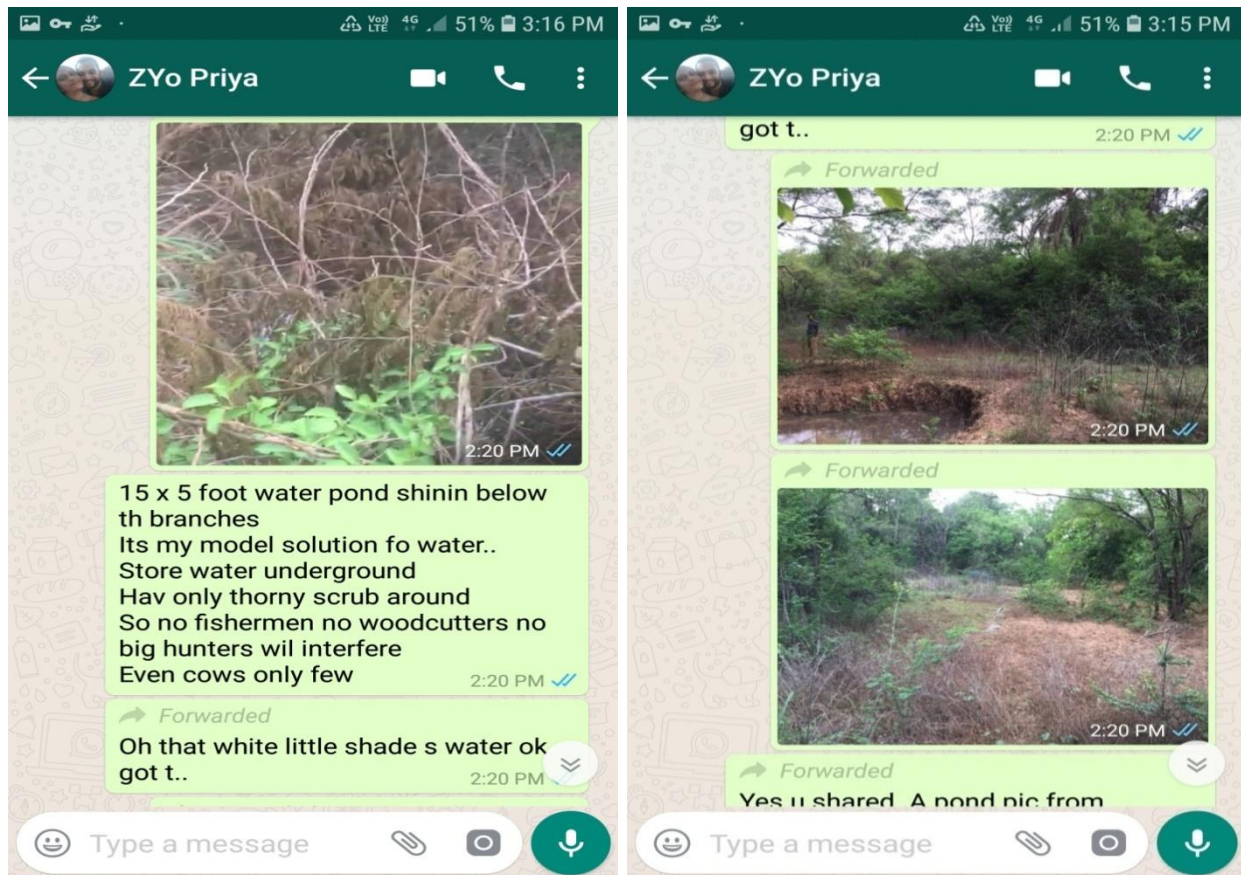
Have only thorny scrub forests around

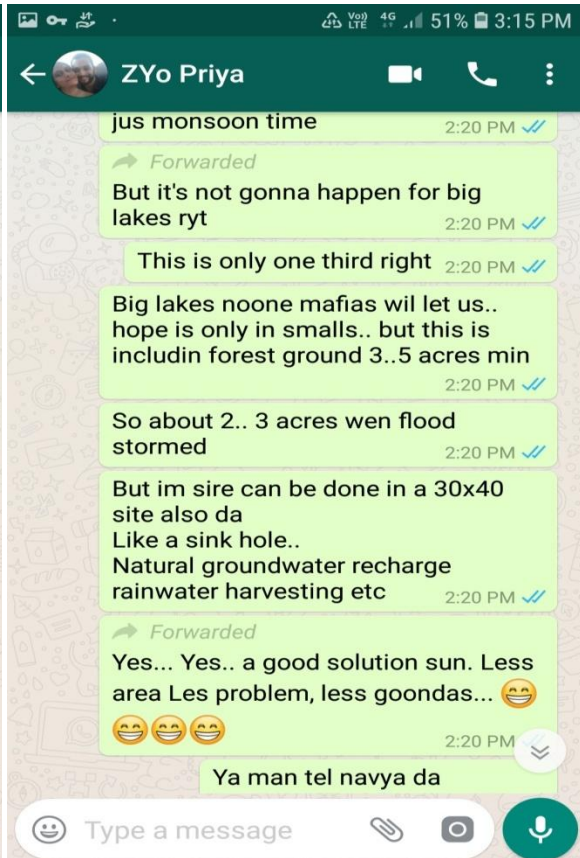
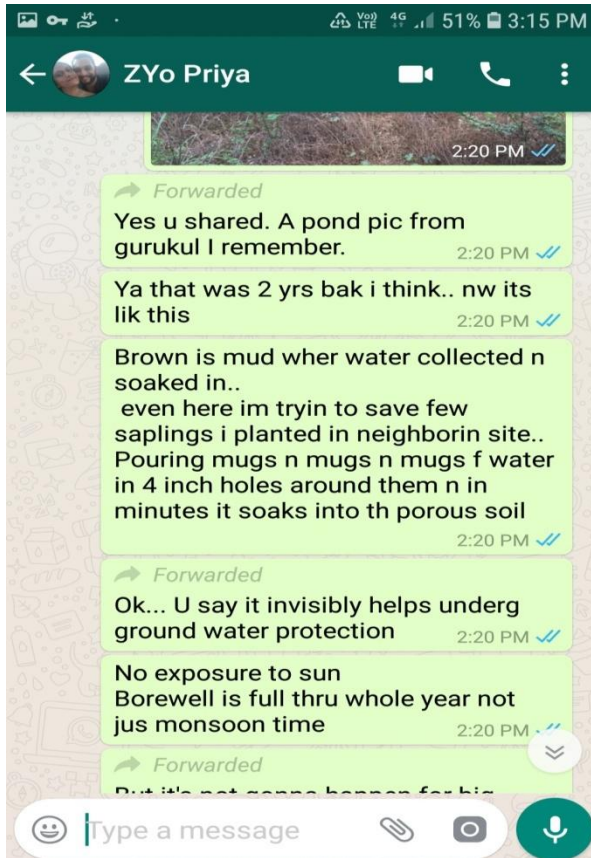
only allow a few cows

No exposure to sun, no fishermen, no woodcutters, no big hunters allowed to interfere

Natural groundwater recharge rainwater harvesting occurs automatically
As animal burroughs n plant/tree roots find the underground aquifers ☺

At Narayana Gurukula, B'lore, their dried **Borewell is now full through the whole year**, not just during monsoon seasons rain water harvest that lasts max a few months.. even in large dams







Fully lovelilly wilded up in 2 years!! 😊

Sagar : Yes u shared. A pond pic from gurukul I remember.

Yes that was 2 years back i think.. now its like this
Brown area is mud where water collected n soaked into the ground..

even in DG I'm trying to save a few saplings i planted in the neighboring site.. next to my wild garden.. Pouring mugs n mugs n mugs of water into 4 inch holes around the plants n in minutes it soaks up everything into the extremely porous soil

: Ok... U say it invisibly helps underground water protection
:No exposure to sun

Yes.. Borewell is full throughout the whole year not just monsoon time

: But it's not gonna happen for big lakes right
: Big lakes mafias will not let us.. hope is only in small areas n islands..

but this is including the forested catchment around 3..5 acres minimum

also I'm sure **it can be done in a 10x10 foot [3x3 m] piece of land also** .. Like **a sink hole**..
spongy soil to allow rain water to seep underground ☺
Natural groundwater recharge

: Yes... Yes.. a good solution sun. Less area Less problem, less goondas... □□□□

Ya man tel navya da ..She can do it in a neighboring empty site

: Ok... I'll also try
: Next to my house or behind navyas house ..

But best to get the cooperation of the owner..
Lik som NRI who doesn't care to sell the property soon..
Or look for the "park-commons" area

a one man solutions possible.

U Have to feel the Divinity n Cosmic..
If we are positive only is there any point in trying .. !

We to recognise the next step forward in the deepening of a ceremonial relationship. Recently I've been corresponding with Ravi Shah, a young man in India who is **doing breathtaking work regenerating ponds & surrounding land**. Following example of Masanobu Fukuoka, he exercises the most delicate attention, placing some reeds here, removing an invasive tree there, trusting in the innate regenerative powers of nature. **The more he minimizes his interference, the greater its effect**. That is not to imply zero interference would be the most powerful of all. It is that the finer and **more precise his understanding**, the better able he is to align with and serve nature's movement, and the less he needs to interfere to accomplish that. The result is that he has created – or more accurately, served the creation of – a lush and verdant oasis in a deteriorating landscape; a living altar

Ravi is understandably impatient with large scale water restoration projects like those I described in my book: Rajendra Singh's work in India and the Loess Plateau restoration, China, which **come nowhere near to his degree of reverence and attention to micro-local detail**. Those projects arise from a more conventional, mechanistic understanding of hydrology. **Where is the sacredness? he asks**. Where is the humbling to the exquisite wisdom of **interdependent ecosystems unique to each place**? They're just building ponds. Maybe so, I said, but we must meet people where they are, and celebrate each step in the right direction. These mechanistic hydrological projects also carry within them reverence for water. Ravi's project can offer a glimpse of what might be.

I would add to that, that for land to heal it needs an example of health, **a reservoir of health** from which to learn. The oasis of ecological health he has established **can radiate outward** through the social and ecological surroundings, transmitting health to nearby places (for eg: by providing refuge and spawning grounds for plants and animals) and **transmitting inspiration** to other earth healers. That is why **the Amazon is so crucial**, especially its headwaters region, which is possibly the largest intact reservoir and font of ecological health in the world. It is where Gaia's memory of health, of a past and future healed world, still resides intact.

Ravi's earth repair work functions exactly **as a ceremony**. One could say, "Don't make special ceremonies – **every act** should be **a ceremony**. Why single out those ten minutes as special." The same way, one could insist **every place on Earth** be **immediately treated as Ravi treats** his. Most of us though, like society as a whole, are not ready for such a step. The chasm is too great. We cannot expect to undo our techno-industrial systems, social systems, or our deeply programmed psychology overnight. What works for most of us is to establish one oasis of perfection – the ceremony – as best we are able, and then to allow it to ripple out across our life-scape, progressively bringing more attention, **beauty**, and power into every act. To make every act a ceremony begins with making one act a ceremony

In performing the ceremony, we intend that it radiate through our day or week. It is a touchstone amidst life's sturm and drang. So also, we are not to merely preserve a few wild places, sanctuaries, or national parks, or restore a few places to pristine condition; rather, these places are lodestars: examples and reminders of what is possible. As **people like Ravi steward** such places, we are called to bring a bit of them, and then more and more of them, to all places. As we establish a tiny moment of ceremony in our lives, we are called to bring a bit of it, and then more and more of it, to all moments..